

XXIII International Ornithological Congress

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Scientific Program

The XXIII International Ornithological Congress will be held in Beijing, China, on 11–17 August 2002. The following officers were elected: Honorary President, Professor Ernst Sutter (Switzerland), President, Professor Walter Bock (U.S.A., e-mail <wb4@columbia.edu>), Vice President, Professor Jacques Blondel (France, e-mail <blondel@cefe.cnrs-mop.fr>), Secretary-General, Professor Xu Weishu (China, e-mail <s-g@ioc.org.cn>), Assistant Secretary-General, The Honorable Liu Feng (China, e-mail <liufeng@public.bta.net.cn>), Secretary of the International Ornithological Committee, Dr. Dominique G. Homberger (U.S.A., e-mail <zodhomb@lsu.edu>).

The Scientific Program Committee for the XXIII International Ornithological Congress has been appointed under the chairmanship of Dr. Fernando Spina (Istituto Nazionale per la Fauna Selvatica, Via Ca' Fornacetta 9, I-40064 Ozzano Emilia (BO), Italy. Phone: +39-051-65-12-111; Fax: +39-051-79-66-28; e-mail <infsioc@iperbole.bologna.it>) and includes the following members: Dr. Alexander V. Andreev (Russia, e-mail <ted@actor.ru>), Professor Ding Changqing (China, e-mail <dingcq@panda.ioz.ac.cn>), Professor Patricia Gowaty (U.S.A., e-mail <gowaty@ecology.uga.edu>), Professor Zheng Guangmei (China, e-mail <zhenggm@bnu.edu.cn>), Dr. Hiroyoshi Higuchi (Japan, e-mail <higuchi@uf.a.u-tokyo.ac.jp>), Dr. Lukas Jenni (Switzerland, e-mail <jennil@orninst.ch>), Professor Marek Konarzewski (Poland, e-mail <marekk@cksr.ac.bialystok.pl>), Dr. Theunis Piersma (The Netherlands, e-mail <theunis@nioz.nl>), Professor Pilai Poonswad (Thailand, e-mail <scpps@mucc.mahidol.ac.th>), Dr. Richard Schodde (Australia, e-mail <Richard.Schodde@dwe.csiro.au>), Dr. Lucia Liu Severinghaus (China, e-mail <zolls@gate.sinica.edu.tw>), Professor Hans Winkler (Austria, e-mail <H.Winkler@klivv.oeaw.ac.at>), Professor Zhang Zhengwang (China, e-mail <zzw@bnu.edu.cn>), in

addition to the President, the Secretary-General and the Secretary.

General information on the congress can be obtained via e-mail <infocenter@ioc.org.cn>, or via the internet at <<http://www.ioc.org.cn>>. Information about the IOC can also be obtained from our new home page at <<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/IOC/>>.

All inquiries about the scientific program of the 23rd congress, as well as comments and suggestions for the general program, plenary lectures, and symposia should be sent to Dr. Fernando Spina. The SPC will decide on the format and contents of the scientific program of the congress, which is expected to include Plenary Lectures, Symposia, Contributed papers (in the form of Oral presentations and Poster papers) and Round Table Discussions.

In previous congresses, the plenary speakers were internationally known ornithologists and chosen to cover a diversity of topics to ornithologists. Symposia contributions are intended for the general ornithologist rather than the specialist and should offer updated review papers on recent developments in a research field. Contributed papers provide a means for individual ornithologists to present their most recent findings and ideas to the congress. Round table discussions are workshops, discussion groups, etc. designed for exchange of ideas among specialists in a field. Round table discussions should not be used to present a longer lecture by the organizer of the discussion group or a series of symposium-type papers.

All interested ornithologists are invited and urged strongly to submit proposals for symposia and for plenary speakers. Proposals of plenary speakers should include the name and address (including e-mail address) of the proposed speaker, and a statement of the possible topic and why the person was proposed. Symposia proposals should include a title, a statement on the expected content of the symposium (not exceeding 1,800 characters), suggested symposia speakers (maximum 5, including postal and e-mail addresses), the suggested conveners (a primary convener and

a co-convener, including their full postal and e-mail addresses). We strongly encourage use of the internet to submit proposals. The statements on symposia contents should preferably be sent as *.rtf format files. It is urged that contributors in each symposium be as international as possible. Round table discussions can also be proposed at this time although there will be a subsequent call for proposals for RTDs and for contributed papers.

Because BirdLife International has terminated its world-wide meetings just prior to the International Ornithological Congresses, and being the XXIII Congress the first ever held in Asia, the SPC is especially interested to solicit high standard proposals concerned with the contribution of Ornithology to biological conservation and wildlife management.

The SPC will meet in Beijing, China in mid-June 2000; hence all proposals should

reach the Chair of the committee within the end of April 2000 at latest. Proposals can also be sent to individual members of the committee, but in this case submission should be earlier so that the proposal can be forwarded to the chair. We thank all interested ornithologists for their proposals and contribution to the scientific program of the Congress, and we look forward to a fruitful meeting in Beijing in the year 2002.

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